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SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES FINAL LEG OF THE GREENLINE

The final acquisition of the rail line right-of-way signals the completion of the Shelby County portion of the Greenline.

Memphis, TN - The approval of the last two miles of the CSX rail line begins the final chapter on the construction of the Shelby Farms Greenline. This third and final phase consists of the section just east of the Old Cordova Train Depot Site stretching to the east side of Lenow Road, just North of Macon Road.

"The Shelby Farms Greenline has been transformative for our community," says Shelby County Commissioner Mick Wright, chairman of the conservation committee. "This imaginative project signaled a movement toward running, biking, and enjoying the green spaces Shelby County has to offer. It is exciting to begin the work on this final phase of the project."

"This completion of the Greenline represents a real milestone for families and children, the fitness community, and outdoor enthusiasts," says Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris. "What used to be an old rail line has become a source of pride connecting residents throughout the entire county. Thank you to the community leaders, Shelby County Commissioners, Shelby Farms Park, and the staff of our Public Works department who have been working so hard on this project for more than a decade."



Construction for this phase of the project is expected to take 18 months. This section of the Greenline is expected to be open for public use in Spring 2021. The first section of the Greenline opened in 2010.

Shelby Farms Greenline is a 10.65 mile paved, urban trail that connects pedestrians and cyclists in Midtown Memphis through Shelby Farms Park to Cordova.

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